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TOWN WARRANT
The State of New Hampshire

To the inhabitants of the Town of Dorchester in the County of Grafton in said State, qualified to vote in Town affairs.

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said Dorchester on Tuesday the 10th day of March, at 7:30 p.m. to act upon the following subjects.

1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year.
2. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year and to make appropriations for same.
3. To see what sums of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Town Poor and Old Age Assistance.
4. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary for repairing highways and bridges for the ensuing year, and to make appropriations for same.
5. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to borrow money in anticipation of Taxes.
6. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$25.00 for the purpose of publicizing and promoting the natural advantages and resources of the Town of Dorchester, together with other Towns in the Dartmouth-Lake Sunapee Region.
7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$581.94 to secure from the State \$3,879.60 to be expended for Town Road Aid.
8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$200.00 to add to the Capital Reserve Fund for repairs to the Town Hall and other Town Buildings.
9. To see if the Town will vote and appropriate \$400.00 for the Forest and Fire Department.
10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$1,000.00 to add to the Capital Reserve Fund for Snow Removal and Road Equipment.

11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$50.00 to add to the Capital Reserve Fund for the care of Town Cemeteries.

12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$10.00 to purchase Flags to place at the Graves of our Veterans in Dorchester.

13. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to administer, lease, rent or otherwise dispose of real estate, mineral or other property.

14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate money for the purpose of making arrangements for use of a disposal area for garbage and rubbish, for the use of Dorchester Residents.

15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$50.00 for expenses of Old Home Day.

16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$75.00 for expenses to Town Hall and other Buildings.

17. To see if the Town will vote a Town Ordinance that all House Trailers will be installed on a permanent foundation.

18. To hear reports of Agents, Auditors or Committees heretofore chosen and to pass any votes relating thereto.

19. To voice the opinion of the Town in regard to appointing a Committee to investigate the cost of erecting a building for storage of the Town equipment and to report its findings before February 1, 1971.

20. To act upon any business that may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hands and seal this 16th day of February in the year of our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Seventy.

ERNEST J. HANLEY

HARRY P. DUSTIN

ALFRED E. ASHLEY

Selectmen of Dorchester

A true copy of Warrant-Attest

ERNEST J. HANLEY

HARRY P. DUSTIN

ALFRED E. ASHLEY

Selectmen of Dorchester

TOWN OFFICERS

Selectmen

Ernest J. Hanley '70

Alfred E. Ashley '72

Harry P. Dustin '71

Moderator

Delbert B. Gray

Tax Collector

Ella H. Dustin

TREASURER
MARJORIE P. Clogston

Town Clerk

Nellie M. Ashley

Road Agent

Ernest Carter

Forest Fire Warden

Richard P. Carter

Health Officer

John C. Davenport

Relief Agent

Larry H. Walker

Police Officer and Dog Constable

Albert W. Clogston

Deputy

Ernest J. Hanley

Trustees of Trust Funds

Charles I. Walker '70

Barbara Pearl Clogston '71

Priscilla R. Hanley '72

Supervisors of Check List

Beverly C. Walker

Eric H. Bergstrom

Marjorie P. Clogston

Auditors

Matilda M. Ernst

Mary Carroll Abell

Cemetery Committee

Nella H. Ashley, Chairman

Adolph W. Delsart

Eric H. Bergstrom

SUMMARY OF INVENTORY

Land	\$174,391.00	
Buildings	247,868.00	
Electric Poles and Fixtures	7,361.60	
House Trailers (6)	4,400.00	
Cows (10)	1,500.00	
Road and Construction Machinery	<u>1,440.00</u>	
Total Valuation		\$436,960.60
 Neat Stock Exemption	 <u>\$ 1,000.00</u>	
Total Exemption		<u>\$ 1,000.00</u>
Net Valuation		\$435,960.60

Veterans exempt from Poll Tax (26)

Tax Rate \$5.90

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

Description	Value
Town Hall, Lands and Buildings	\$10,000.00
Furniture and Equipment	1,000.00
Fire Department Equipment	500.00
Highway Department Equipment	7,017.00
School, Lands and Buildings	<u>3,000.00</u>
	\$21,517.00

BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF DORCHESTER, N.H.

Estimates of Revenue and Expenditures for the Ensuing Year January 1, 1970 to December 31, 1970 compared with Estimated and Actual Revenue, Appropriations and Expenditures of the Previous Year January 1, 1969 to December 31, 1969.

SOURCES OF REVENUE	Estimated Revenue Previous Year 1969	Actual Revenue Previous Year 1969	Estimated Revenue Ensuing Year 1970
From State:			
Interest and Dividends Tax	\$2,000.00	\$2,874.03	\$2,800.00
Class V Road Money	3,740.35	3,740.35	4,177.54
Meals and Rooms Tax	219.07	376.34	376.00
Reimbursement a/c State & Federal forest lands	145.44	140.64	140.00
Reimbursement a/c Exemption of Bounties	25.00		
From Local Sources Except Taxes:			
Dog Licenses	75.00	56.00	56.00
Permits	4.00	2.00	10.00
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	1,000.00	1,422.55	1,400.00
From Local Taxes Other Than Property Taxes:			
(a) Poll Taxes - Regular @ \$2	110.00	120.00	120.00
(b) Yield Taxes	300.00	507.03	300.00
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Total Revenues from all Sources Except Property Taxes	\$7,618.86	\$9,238.94	\$9,379.54
Amount to be raised by Property Taxes (Does not include School Tax)			10,616.44
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TOTAL REVENUES	*****	*****	\$19,995.98

PURPOSES OF EXPENDITURES	Appropriations Previous Year 1969	Actual Expend- itures Previous Year 1969	Estimated Expenditures Ensuing Year 1970
General Government:			
Town Officer's Salaries	\$ 1,300.00	\$ 1,438.90	\$ 1,500.00
Town Officer's Expenses	500.00	490.45	550.00
Election and Registration Expenses	150.00	72.50	450.00
Expenses Town Hall and Other			
Town Buildings	100.00	50.50	75.00
Protection of Persons & Property:			
Police Department	50.00		50.00
Fire Department	400.00	172.07	400.00
Insurance	300.00	361.30	500.00
Bounties	50.00		
Damages and Legal Expenses	100.00	25.00	100.00
Health:			
Town Dump	50.00	50.00	50.00
Highways and Bridges:			
Town Maintenance—Summer	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
Town Maintenance—Winter			
overdraft \$1,000.00	2,500.00	3,500.00	2,500.00
Class V Road Money	3,740.35	2,875.00	4,177.54
Town Road Aid	511.50	511.50	581.94
Public Welfare:			
Town Poor	50.00		50.00
Old Age Assistance	1,200.00	749.25	1,300.00
Patriotic Purposes:			
Memorial Day and Veterans'			
Associations	10.00	10.00	10.00
Old Home Day	50.00	50.00	50.00
Public Service Enterprises:			
Cemeteries			50.00
Taxes Bought by Town	225.00	524.03	
Advertising and Regional Assoc.	25.00		25.00

Interest:

On Temporary Loans	\$ 250.00	\$ 524.03	\$ 25.00
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Payments on Principal of Debt:

Building Fund			200.00
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(a) Bond & Debt Retirement	125.00	64.84	125.00
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(b) Long Term Notes	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
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(c) Payment to Capital Reserve Funds-Road Equipment			1,000.00
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(d) Boat Tax	1.00	1.06	1.50
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County Taxes	1,500.00	1,823.68	2,000.00
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School Taxes		15,737.50	
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TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$17,187.85	\$32,597.33	\$19,995.98
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FINANCIAL REPORT
For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1969

ASSETS

Cash		
In hands of treasurer	\$11,820.68	
Capital Reserve Funds:		
Snow Removal & Road Equipment	12,856.19	
Town Cemeteries	230.43	
Town Building Fund	469.02	
Uncollected Taxes:		
(a) Levy of 1969	524.03	
(b) Levy of 1968	121.38	
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Total Assets	\$26,021.73	
Grand Total		\$26,021.73
Net Debt — Surplus, December 31, 1968	\$ 2,016.76	
Net Debt — Surplus, December 31, 1969	3,065.11	
Increase of Surplus	1,048.35	

LIABILITIES

Accounts Owed by the Town:		
Old Age Assistance	\$ 66.00	
Due to State:		
State Head Taxes — 1969		
(Uncollected \$10.00)	10.00	
Due to School Districts: Balance of		
School Tax	7,836.08	
State & Town Joint Highway Construction Accounts:		
Class V Road Money for Cummings		
Pond Road Repairs	865.35	
Capital Reserve Funds:	12,856.19	
Long Term Notes Outstanding:		
Building Bridge T-1298	1,323.00	
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Total Liabilities	\$22,956.62
Excess of assets over liabilities (Surplus)	<u>3,065.11</u>
Grand Total	\$26,021.73

RECEIPTS

Current Revenue:

From Local Taxes:

Property Taxes – Current Year 1969	\$24,748.10
Poll Taxes – Current Year 1969	120.00
Yield Taxes – 1969	608.44
State Head Taxes @ \$5 – 1969	415.00
Total Current Year's Taxes collected and remitted	\$25,891.54
Property Taxes & Yield Taxes – Previous Years	205.02
Poll Taxes – Previous Years	8.00
State Head Taxes @ \$5 – Previous Years	35.00
Interest received on Taxes	9.50
Penalties on State Head Taxes	6.10

From State:

For Class V Highway Maintenance	3,740.35
Interest and dividends tax	2,874.03
Reimbursement a/c State & Federal forest lands	140.64
Reimbursement a/c State labor	186.12
Fighting forest fires	12.96
Reimbursement a/c Motor Vehicle Road Toll	104.02
Reimbursement a/c Old Age Assistance	82.89
Meals and Rooms Tax	376.34
Reimbursement Head Tax	5.35

From Local Sources, Except Taxes:

Dog Licenses	56.00
Permits	2.00
Wentworth, plowing snow	65.00
Refund printing maps	44.00
Motor vehicle permits – 1969	1,422.55

Receipts Other than Current Revenue:

Temporary loans in anticipation of taxes during year	\$ 5,000.00	
Long term notes during year	2,323.00	
Total Receipts Other than Current Revenue		\$16,435.25
Total Receipts from All Sources		42,590.41
Cash on hand January 1, 1969		9,880.66
Grand Total		\$52,471.07

PAYMENTS**Current Maintenance Expenses:****General Government:**

Town Officers' Salaries	\$ 1,438.90
Town Officers' Expenses	490.35
Election & Registration Expenses	72.50
Expenses Town Hall & other Town Bldgs.	50.50

Protection of Persons and Property:

Fire department, including forest fires	172.07
Insurance	361.30

Health:

Vital Statistics	7.00
Town dumps	50.00

Highways and Bridges:

Town Road Aid	511.50
Town Maintenance — Summer \$3,000.00	
— Winter \$3,500.00	6,500.00
Duncan Fund	2,875.00

Public Welfare:

Old Age Assistance	749.25
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Patriotic Purposes:

Memorial Day, Veteran's Associations and Old Home Day	60.00
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Unclassified:		
Damages & legal expenses	\$ 25.00	
Taxes bought by town	524.03	
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Total Current Maintenance Expenses		\$13,887.40
Interest:		
Paid on temporary loans in anticipation of taxes	89.75	
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Total Interest Payments		89.75
Outlay for New Construction, Equipment and Permanent Improvements:		
Highways & Bridges – State Aid construction	2,323.00	
Paid Labor	186.15	
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Total Outlay Payments		2,509.15
Indebtedness:		
Payments on temporary loans in anticipation of taxes	5,000.00	
Payments on long term notes	1,000.00	
Payments on bonded debt	64.84	
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Total Indebtedness Payments		6,064.84
Payments to Other Governmental Divisions:		
State Head Taxes paid State Treas.		
1969 – \$400.50		
Prior Years – \$35.10	435.60	
Payments to State a/c Yield Tax Debt		
Retirement	101.41	
Taxes paid to County	1,823.68	
Payments to Precincts	1.06	
Payments to School Districts	15,737.50	
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Total Payments to Other Gov. Divisions		18,099.25
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Total Payments for all Purposes		40,650.39
Cash on hand December 31, 1969		11,820.68
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Grand Total		\$52,471.07

CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that the information contained in this report was taken from official records and is complete to the best of our knowledge and belief.

ERNEST J. HANLEY
HARRY P. DUSTIN
ALFRED E. ASHLEY
Selectmen of Dorchester

DETAILED STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS

Salaries of Principal Town Officers:

Ernest J. Hanley, Selectman	\$200.00	
Harry P. Dustin, Selectman	250.00	
Alfred E. Ashley, Selectman	200.00	
Nellie M. Ashley, Town Clerk, Permit Fees	190.40	
Ella H. Dustin, Tax Collector	518.50	
Marjorie P. Clogston, Treasurer	50.00	
Matilda M. Ernst, Auditor	10.00	
Mary Carroll Abell, Auditor	10.00	
Priscilla R. Hanley, Trustee	10.00	
	<hr/>	\$1,438.90

Town Officers Expenses:

Branham Publishing Company	\$ 15.80	
N. H. Town Clerk Association Dues	6.00	
Assessors Association Dues	5.00	
N. H. Municipal Association Dues	50.00	
Tax Collectors' Association Dues	5.00	
Edson C. Eastman, Supplies	24.60	
Clifford-Nicol, Inc.	149.29	
Postmaster, Rumney	32.00	
Wheeler & Clark, Selectman's Stamp	6.06	
Charles A. Wood, Property Transfers	24.10	
The Reporter Press, Town Maps	44.00	
Homestead Press, Supplies	26.20	
Ernest J. Hanley, Car & Phone expenses	33.70	
Harry P. Dustin, Car & Phone expenses	48.70	
Alfred E. Ashley, Car & Phone expenses	20.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 490.45

Election and Registration Expenses:

Delbert B. Gray, Moderator	\$ 16.40	
Marjorie P. Clogston, Supervisor Check List	16.40	
Beverly C. Walker, Supervisor Check List	16.40	
Eric H. Bergstrom, Supervisor of Check List	16.40	
The Record Print, Notices	13.30	
	<hr/>	\$ 72.50

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

Receipts From Auto Permits:

2 permits, 1968	\$ 7.76	
134 permits, 1969	<u>1,414.79</u>	\$1,422.55

Receipts From Dog Licenses:

4 female @ \$5.00	\$ 20.00	
18 male @ \$2.00	<u>36.00</u>	\$ 56.00
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TOTAL AMOUNT PAID TREASURER	\$1,478.55
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Respectfully submitted,

NELLIE M. ASHLEY
Town Clerk

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

SUMMARY OF WARRANT PROPERTY, POLL AND YIELD TAXES LEVY OF 1969

—DR.—

Taxes Committed to Collector:

Property Taxes	\$24,771.70	
Poll Taxes	<u>120.00</u>	
Total Warrant		\$24,891.70
Yield Taxes		608.44
Interest Collected		4.41
TOTAL DEBITS		<u>\$25,504.55</u>

—CR.—

Remittances to Treasurer:

Property Taxes	\$24,748.10	
Poll Taxes	120.00	
Yield Taxes	608.44	
Interest Collected	<u>4.41</u>	
		\$25,480.95

Abatements:

Property Taxes	<u>\$ 23.60</u>	
		<u>23.60</u>
TOTAL CREDITS		\$25,504.55

SUMMARY OF WARRANT PROPERTY, POLL AND YIELD TAXES LEVY OF 1968

—DR.—

Uncollected Taxes - As of Jan. 1, 1969

Property Taxes	\$ 164.73	
Poll Taxes	8.00	
Yield Taxes	<u>40.29</u>	
		\$ 213.02

Interest Collected During Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1969	5.09	
TOTAL DEBITS		\$ 218.11

—CR.—

Remittances to Treasurer During Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1969:		
Property Taxes	\$ 164.73	
Poll Taxes	8.00	
Yield Taxes	40.29	
Interest Collected During Year	5.09	
		\$ 218.11
TOTAL CREDITS		\$ 218.11

SUMMARY OF WARRANT
STATE HEAD TAX
LEVY OF 1969

—DR.—

State Head Taxes Committed To State Collector:		
Original Warrant	\$ 425.00	
Added Taxes	10.00	
TOTAL COMMITMENT		\$ 435.00
Penalties Collected		2.00
TOTAL DEBITS		\$ 437.00

—CR.—

Remittances to Treasurer:		
Head Taxes	\$ 415.00	
Penalties	2.00	
		\$ 417.00
Abatements		10.00
Uncollected Head Taxes — As Per Collector's List		10.00
TOTAL CREDITS		\$ 437.00

**SUMMARY OF WARRANT
STATE HEAD TAX
LEVY OF 1968**

—DR.—

Uncollected Taxes — As of January 1, 1969	\$ 35.00	
Penalties Collected During 1969	3.50	
TOTAL DEBITS		\$ 38.50

—CR.—

Remittances to Treasurer During 1969:		
Head Taxes	\$ 35.00	
Penalties	3.50	
	\$ 38.50	
TOTAL CREDITS		\$ 38.50

SUMMARY OF TAX SALES ACCOUNTS — AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1969

—DR.—

	Tax Sale on Account of	Levies Of:
	1969	1968
(a) Taxes Sold to Town During Current Fiscal Year	\$524.03	
(b) Balance of Unredeemed Taxes Jan. 1, 1969		\$121.38
TOTAL DEBITS	\$524.03	\$121.38

**UNREDEEMED TAXES FROM TAX SALES
ON ACCOUNT OF LEVIES OF:**

	1969	1968
Currier, Forest and Constance	\$ 26.55	
Delsart, Louis and Eleanor	123.90	
Grigg, Norman B. and Angie	113.87	\$ 121.38
Young, Ralph and Elaine	61.95	
	<hr/> \$326.27	<hr/> \$121.38

“I hereby certify that the above list showing the name and amount due from each delinquent taxpayer, as of December 31, 1969, on account of the tax levy of [REDACTED], is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.”

#447.65

ELLA H. DUSTIN
Tax Collector

TREASURER'S REPORT

Receipts:

Cash on hand January 1, 1969	\$ 9,880.66
From Selectmen	14,957.30
From Tax Collector	26,154.56
From Town Clerk	<u>1,478.55</u>

TOTAL RECEIPTS

\$52,471.07

Payments:

By order of Selectmen	<u>\$40,650.39</u>
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Cash on hand December 31, 1969

\$11,820.68

Respectfully submitted,
MARJORIE P. CLOGSTON
Treasurer

Report of
TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS
December 31, 1969

LUCY HAZEN KIMBALL FUND

for care of the Sanborn and Mehitable lot

Received March 1930 \$66.23

Balance in bank 1/1/69	\$ 125.42	
Interest to 12/31/69	6.37	
Balance on hand 12/31/69		\$ 131.79

PAUL HOPKINS HUTCHINSON FUND

Deposited December 1956

\$500 for care of the Benjamin R. Norris
and the Jessiman lots

Balance in bank 1/1/69	\$ 677.18	
Interest to 12/31/69	34.48	
Balance on hand 12/31/69		\$ 711.66

SCOTT D. BURLEIGH FUND

Deposited September 1940

\$300 for care of lot in Cheever Cemetery

Balance in bank 1/1/69	\$ 401.42	
Interest to 12/31/69	20.43	
Balance on hand 12/31/69		\$ 421.85

TOWN OF DORCHESTER CEMETERY FUND

Balance in bank 1/1/69	\$ 220.20	
Interest to 12/31/69	11.19	
Balance on hand 12/31/69		\$ 231.39

CAPITAL RESERVE FUND

for snow removal and road equipment

Balance in bank 1/1/69	\$13,990.68	
Interest to 12/31/69	630.33	
		\$14,621.01

Payments:

R. C. Hazelton - Repairs to Oshkosh (labor and parts)	\$ 728.34
Interstate 93 - Repairs to tractor	374.71
Charles Gould - Repairs to Oshkosh	579.77
Plymouth Tire	<u>82.00</u>

Total repairs	\$ <u>1,764.82</u>
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Balance on hand 12/31/69	\$12,856.19
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TOWN BUILDINGS FUND

for repairs to town buildings

Balance in bank 1/1/69	\$ 811.12
Interest to 12/31/69	<u>31.88</u>

\$ 843.00

Payments:

Shingling Selectmen's office	\$ <u>375.00</u>
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Balance on hand 12/31/69	\$ 468.00
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Respectfully submitted,
PRISCILLA HANLEY
Trustee

ROAD AGENT'S REPORT

Cash Balance, January 1, 1969	\$ 794.72
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Receipts:

Over Draft	\$1,000.00
Summer Appropriation	3,000.00
Class V Money	1,300.00
Winter Money	<u>2,500.00</u>

Total Receipts	\$8,594.72
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Total Payments	<u>\$6,238.48</u>
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Balance as per check book December 31, 1969	\$2,356.24
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Class V Money on hand \$200.00

Expenditures — Labor:

Ernest Carter —labor and truck	\$1,648.09
Malcolm Merrill —Truck driver and expenses	802.52
Alfred Ashley	604.40
Fred Bergmann	400.80
Adolph Delsart	263.40
Walter Hazelton	41.60
David Carter	12.80
Fred Shontell	8.00

Miscellaneous Payments:

Yeaton Oil Co. —gas for Town	\$ 378.38
Town of Lyme —plowing snow and grader	231.80
New England Metal — culverts	339.16
Albert Carter —labor and welding, etc.	204.25
Lumbertown —culverts	191.20
Richard Carter —dozer and labor	158.00
Ernest Hanley —plowing and truck	121.00
R.C. Hazelton —parts for Town truck	90.55
F. C. Hammond —bridge plank	90.00
Sanel Auto Parts —parts for equipment	71.23
Merrimack Farmers' —salt	69.40
Blaktop —coldpatch	65.33
Irving MacDonald —dozing	64.00
Shortt's Garage —gas and cable for Town	46.00
Campers' Rest —gas for Town	42.90

Charles Gould –parts for Town plow	\$ 36.88
Phyllis Ashley –sand and gravel	36.80
Roy W. Abbott –trucking gravel	29.30
Interstate 93 –parts for loader and mower	44.02
Webster Motors –Town truck	27.68
Greta Joyce –gravel	22.00
Sears Roebuck – plastic covering	21.50
Rands Store –tools for Town	19.42
Western Auto –grinder for mower	16.95
Hillcrest –repairs on Town truck	15.50
Ernest Carter –expenses	11.83
Pemigewasset National Bank charges	7.44
Ross Express –express charges	<u>4.35</u>

Total Payments

\$6,238.48

Respectfully submitted,
ERNEST CARTER
 Road Agent

FOREST FIRE WARDEN'S REPORT

Appropriation **\$ 400.00**

Expenditures:

For Clarence Poitras Place	
Rumney Fire Department	\$ 27.50
Richard Carter, Fire Training	9.92
Ernest J. Hanley, Fire Training	6.00
Forest Fire Equipment	81.93
Richard Carter, Fire Training	15.00
Robert W. Thayer, Fire Training	10.72
Albert W. Clogston, Fire Training	8.00
Louis Delsart, Fire Training	13.00

Total **\$172.07**

Refund from State **12.96**

\$ 159.11

Balance on Hand

\$ 240.89

Respectfully submitted,
RICHARD P. CARTER
Forest Fire Warden

REPORT OF THE FOREST FIRE WARDEN AND DISTRICT CHIEF

The 1969 fire season was a quiet one in this area. Frequent rains kept the danger to a minimum and there were few violations. Your Forest Fire Warden's job would be easier if everyone understood the State laws that govern the kindling of outdoor fires. A synopsis of these laws follows:

Fire Permit

A **fire permit** is needed for all outdoor fires in or near woodland anytime the ground is not covered with snow. This includes household waste burning, even if in an incinerator, grass burning, garden trash as well as brush burning. Such burning is restricted by regulation to be **prior to 9:00 a.m. and after 5:00 p.m.**

Exceptions

Commercial or industrial burning is allowed anytime under normal conditions with permission of the District Chief and a permit from the Fire Warden.

Camp or cooking fires are allowed on your property with permission of the Fire Warden. On another's property with written permission of the landowner and permission of the Fire Warden. The Warden can forbid such fires if in a hazardous area. Permits for cooking fires in the White Mountain National Forest can be obtained from the Laconia Office or at the Ranger Stations. Permits are not required in public camp or picnic grounds where fireplaces have been built for this purpose.

Penalties

1. For kindling a fire without a permit. Maximum of \$200.00 fine; or imprisonment for not more than 60 days.
2. For kindling a fire by any means wilfully or recklessly that shall endanger woodlands the maximum fine is \$500.00 or one year's imprisonment.
3. For failure to totally extinguish a camp or cooking fire before leaving it the same penalties as in (1) above.
4. For dropping inflammable material in or near woodland maximum fine of \$25.00

Fire prevention is a personal matter and a good habit. Keep our town free from smokes in 1970.

Fires reported — State 453

Fires reported — District 6

Forest Fire Warden, RICHARD P. CARTER
District Chief, JOHN Q. RICARD

REPORT OF RELIEF AGENT

Old Age Assistance — 2 cases as of December 31, 1969

Town Appropriation:	\$1,200.00
Department of Health & Welfare and Town Payment	\$2,892.00
Payment by Town (25%) as of Dec. 31, 1969	<u>753.00</u>
Balance of	\$ 447.00

Respectfully submitted,
LARRY H. WALKER
Relief Agent

AUDITORS' REPORT

We, the undersigned, have examined the accounts of the Selectmen, Treasurer, Tax Collector, Road Agent, Town Clerk and Trustee of Trust Funds, find them correctly and properly vouched.

MARY CARROLL ABELL
MATILDA M. ERNST

REPORT OF DORCHESTER CEMETERY COMMITTEE

All work on cleaning and clearing the cemeteries was donated by members of the Cemetery Committee, members of Dorchester Grange, who voted to make this their community service project, and interested persons.

The project of clearing the "King" or "Big Pasture" Cemetery was nearly completed, this consisted of cutting and removing numbers of large trees as well as small brush and fallen trees. More gravestones were uncovered and new names added to our cemetery list. This will again be the Grange's community service project and much more work should be accomplished during the coming summer.

American flags were again placed on our soldiers' graves as in previous years.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Balance on hand from last year		\$166.40
Sale of lot to Delbert and Edith Gray	\$ 50.00	
Contribution from Isaac Burnham	<u>10.00</u>	
		226.40
Bank Service Charge		<u>.14</u>
Balance on Hand		\$226.26

NELLA H. ASHLEY
ERIC BERGSTROM
ADOLPH DELSART
Cemetery Committee

DEATHS — TOWN OF DORCHESTER 1969

Date	Place of Death	Name	Age	Place of Birth	Father's Name Mother's Name
Aug. 26, 1969	White River Jct. Vermont	Lesime Paradis	75	Maine	Joseph Paradis Adell Shorett
Sept. 9, 1969	Dorchester	David W. Pitcher, Jr.	63	Lebanon, Ct.	David W. Pitcher, Sr. Edna Pitcher

BIRTHS — TOWN OF DORCHESTER 1969

Date and Place of Birth	Name of Child	Sex	Name of Father	Name of Mother	Birthplace of Father	Birthplace of Mother
March 12, 1969 Plymouth, N.H.	Marnie Lynn Young	F	Ralph Leon Young	Elaine Alice Roy	N. H.	N. H.

MARRIAGES — TOWN OF DORCHESTER 1969

Date & Place	Name of Groom and Bride	Residence of each at time of marriage	Name of Parents
March 17, 1969 Plymouth, N. H.	John Allan Cote Nancy Ann Duval	Dorchester Plymouth	David L. Cote Ethel P. Joyce Paul Duval Gladys Reta Marsh
July 23, 1969 Dorchester	William F. Thayer, Jr. Suzanne Blydenstien	Dorchester Dorchester	William F. Thayer Allene Okmstrand William L. Baughium Henriette Bonner

